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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

FROM: EA/DDCI

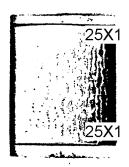
Bob,

Regarding the attached, the DDCI would like you to make sure that is sufficiently aware of concerns about common data bases, networking, computer security in general plant is plugged into the Office of Security and Office of Data Processing as necessary.

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NOTE FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT: Digital Cartographic Activities

- 1. OMB has initiated a process to bring about coordination of digital cartographic activities of Federal Agencies, and to this purpose has established a Federal Interagency Coordinating Committee. The Geological Survey has been asked to organize and chair this committee, and the Director of the Geological Survey has invited us to participate.
- 2. Although our contribution to the activities will at times be constrained by security considerations, we believe there is sufficient value in the effort to warrant our being as supportive as we can. Development of standards throughout Federal agencies will allow us to utilize digital data developed elsewhere in the government, not only for mapping but to support analysis in conjunction with other digital data bases.
- 3. I propose that Cartographic and Design Center, be our representative, and attend the initial organizational meeting scheduled for later this month.

Attached is a letter we have drafted for you to respond to the invitation from the Director of the National Geological Survey.

Robert M. Gates

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Director United States Department of the Interior Geological Survey Reston, Virginia 22092

Dear Sir:

I welcome the opportunity for CIA participation in the effort to coordinate digital cartographic activities in the Federal Government. Although the Agency's contribution may be somewhat constrained by security consideration, we believe such contribution as we can offer and the value to our organization from this endeavor make it well worth our effort to do whatever we can.

Our representative to the Federal Interagency Coordinating Committee will be Chief of the Cartographic and Design Center in the Directorate of Intelligence. He will attend the initial meeting scheduled for 27 May, and we have forwarded his name by telephone to Mr. Rupert B. Southard, Chief, National Mapping Division, U.S. Geological Survey.

Sincerely,

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

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